

County of San Luis Obispo  
DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADVISORY BOARD  
April 17, 2008; 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Carol Allen, Charlie Archibald, Ken Conway, Gayne Crossland, Lanny Erickson, John Gannon, John Lovern, Dennis Palm, Jason Reed, Harry Sharp, Aurora William

Board Members Excused: Priscilla Mikesell, Dannie Rodger-Tope

Board Members Absent: None

DAS Staff Present: Star Graber, Jeff Hamm, Karen Baylor, Kerry Bailey, Frank Warren, Wayne Hansen

Guests: Susan Warren

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairperson Carol Allen called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. John Gannon indicated that he will be resigning from the DAAB effective May 2008.	
Public Comment	Dennis Palm indicated that he is on the Board of the Ventana Wilderness Alliance ( <a href="http://www.ventanawild.org">www.ventanawild.org</a> ) which has been involved in marijuana grow site cleanups. There are approximately 20 cleanup sites scheduled. The next cleanup is scheduled for May 9-11, 2008 on the Fort Hunter Liggett property.	
Review of Minutes	The March 20, 2008 minutes were approved as written with reading into the record waived.	1 – Lanny Erickson 2 – Harry Sharp Unanimous approval
Nominations Committee	The elections of DAAB officers will be held in May 2008 so that the new elected officers can take over in June 2008. The following persons volunteered to be on the nominations committee: Harry Sharp, Dennis Palm and Aurora William and will make arrangements to meet in May 2008.	Nominations Committee will convene in May 2008.
Recruitment of new DAAB Members	At present, there are thirteen (13) DAAB members and effective May 2008 with the pending resignation of John Gannon, there will be twelve (12) members. The DAAB Bylaws state that “there shall be a maximum of nineteen (19) members and a minimum of fifteen (15) members on the Board.” When membership falls below the minimum, the DAAB bylaws indicate that the Board will make a concerted “effort to recruit new members so as to reestablish the required minimum membership.” To date public notices have been sent out by the County Clerk and DAAB members were encouraged to spread the word regarding DAAB vacancies. Carol Allen indicated that there is a good geographic representation presently and the Board should strive to be as broad based and as representative as possible. It was also noted that it would be good to have stronger representation from law enforcement, drug courts and Cal Poly	- Determine County Clerk process for advertising DAAB vacancies and post PSA with media regarding same. - Review DAAB Bylaws for possible revisions to membership requirements/exclusions and have Bylaws

	<p>and/or Cuesta. It was suggested that PSAs be posted with the media. Susan Warren also indicated that she continues to announce the vacancies at the Health Commission meetings. It was requested that Drug and Alcohol Services look at the Bylaws for any possible revisions to membership requirements/exclusions. Carol asked if any current DAAB members were interested in taking John Gannon's place on the Adult Services Policy Council. A Bylaws committee was put together with the following members: Dennis Palm, Jason Reed and Ken Conway.</p>	<p>Committee work with Star.</p> <p>- Revisit DAAB appointment to Adult Services Policy Council.</p>
NNA and County Budget	<p>Jeff Hamm indicated that the CAO's recommended budget is now known and provided the following background regarding the budget shortfall and remedy as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There had been a gap of \$18 million for the County's status quo budget.</li> <li>- The gap was bridged by the following revenue sources: \$3 million over the next two years from sales tax; at the Board of Supervisor's instruction, the CAO used \$6 million of one-time money; and the remaining \$9 million dollars came from Departmental operating budgets of which the Health Agency's share of that \$9 million is \$1.5 million. In order to maintain the Health Agency's status quo budget, General Fund support needed to increase in the amount of \$2.5 million next year and only \$1 million of that will be provided by the CAO budget. Approximately \$300,000 of the \$1.5 million Health Agency shortfall will be absorbed by Drug and Alcohol Services (excluding the DUI program which is a self-supporting program).</li> <li>- The final list of budget cuts has 18 items on it, the first three include voluntary time off (VTO), the fourth is increased time for PC replacement, and the balance of list includes 12 positions (adding up to 9.75 FTEs) many of which are part-time and vacant (except for one ½ time position). So there should not be any layoffs and most of the positions do not involve direct care.</li> </ul> <p>Unfortunately, the recommended budget does not consider possible 10% State reductions in funding proposed by the Governor, which could result in further reductions for the County and Health Agency. At this point, Star reported the budget committees on the Assembly and Senate sides have agreed that the proposed 10% state cuts will not impact Prop 36, Drug Court or Perinatal Services. What will be cut is methamphetamine advertising budget and use those funds for treatment instead. Additionally, if the Board does not agree with the CAO recommended budget, then additional cuts may be necessary.</p>	
Administrator's Report	<p>Two events sponsored by Friday Night Live are coming up in May 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Annual Friday Night Live Mock Rock on Thursday, May 8 at 6 pm at the PAC at Cal Poly. Tickets are available for \$10.</li> <li>- 24-Hour Relay is taking place on Memorial Day weekend co-sponsored by SLO High</li> </ul>	

	School. Volunteers are needed.	
Action Items:	<p><u>Program Advocate Reports – Youth Program Advocate:</u> Star Graber indicated that the PSA regarding the availability of youth treatment services in North and South County is ready to go.</p> <p><u>Position Statement : Co-Occurring Disorders:</u> Jason Reed indicated that the current draft incorporated the feedback to include more research references and more positive information regarding treatment efficacy. The review and approval of the statement was tabled until the May 2008 meeting. Any revisions should be e-mailed to Jason Reed.</p> <p><u>Election of Preventive Health Grant Representative for 2009:</u> This agenda item was tabled until May 2008 meeting.</p> <p><u>Proposed Responsible Beverage Ordinance:</u> Frank Warren made a presentation on environmental prevention efforts including Proposed Responsible Beverage Service and Social Host Ordinance. Additionally, he presented a map of SLO county which included plots of all on and off-sale liquor licenses. The following are highlights of his presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ DAS has developed a Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) that includes environmental prevention strategies to reduce access and availability to drugs and alcohol over the next five years. The SPF attempts to reduce underage drinking and related problems and adult high-risk drinking and related problems by reducing social/community and retail access to alcohol. Two of the key strategies/initiatives that are proposed to do this are making changes in the Social Host Ordinance and Responsible Beverage Sales and Service (RBSS).</li> <li>✓ Social Host Ordinance: Establishment and enforcement of a Social Host Ordinance ensures that anytime alcohol is provided without a license, the “host” is liable for any negative outcomes that may result. In regards to underage youth, for SLO City, the Social Host Ordinance allows two (2) underage youth to drink alcohol and in order for the police to fine the host, there must be at least five (5) underage drinkers in the residence. This ordinance, as written, is not only difficult/impossible to enforce, but it is also not very punitive with the top fine being \$500. The ordinance has been re-drafted (yet to be approved) with a zero-tolerance policy which would permit no underage drinkers onsite and allow the police to fine the “host” if even one (1) underage drinker is onsite.</li> <li>✓ Responsible Beverage Sales and Service (RBSS): SLO County has 844 off-sale licenses which equals one license per 279 people. This far exceeds the ABC statute of licenses allowed per capita which limits the number of beer and wine licenses that can be issued in a city or county in combination with off-sale general licenses to 1 for each 1,250 people. This results in higher incidence of DUI and other alcohol-related problems.</li> </ul>	<p>Co-occurring Disorders Position Statement to be voted on at May meeting.</p> <p>Election of Preventive Health Grant Representatives in May.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ RBSS is a voluntary training for owners, managers, servers and sellers at alcohol establishments. The training has been shown to: reduce sales to minors, reduce sales to intoxicated persons, reduce the level of intoxication reached by patrons at establishments where servers have been trained, and reduction in nighttime traffic crashes.</li> <li>✓ In order to mandate RBSS training, significant work will be involved at the city level which includes: data collection to measure the problem; community education and organizing to get community buy-in and to overcome business-owner resistance; involvement of the media for coverage and media advocacy; and ultimately the drafting and approval of the mandate. Ultimately this would reduce alcohol sales so there is likely to be a lot of resistance from the alcohol and business community.</li> </ul> <p>An electronic copy of Frank Warren's full presentation is available on the DAAB webpage.</p>	
Announcements	<p>Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting Report – Tabled until next meeting.</p> <p>Juvenile Justice Commission – Tabled until next meeting.</p> <p>Preventive Health Grant – Tabled until next meeting.</p>	Place these reports on next month's agenda.
Next Meeting Agenda Items	Dr. Julian Crocker and John Elfers have been contacted regarding possible presentations at the May 2008 meeting.	

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2008, at 12:00 in the Annex at the Health Campus, 2180 Johnson Avenue, SAN LUIS OBISPO.